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2. With high-ranking Soviet officers and a group of officers from his GHQ, Tito recently toured Istria and the Rijeka line from Pazin (Pisino) to Opatija. The road was strongly guarded, and Tito's car was in the center of a convoy flanked by two armored cars.
3. A large group of Czechoslovak officers, with a staff of about forty men and twenty women, arrived at Split between 10 and 15 July 1947. The officers make frequent visits from their Hqs at Split to the islands and Mosor. There is a smaller party at Opatija (Abbazia).
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5. About nine per cent of the officers in the Yugoslav Navy are pre-war officers. A certain number of them are members of the Yugoslav Communist Party. The remaining ninety-one per cent are wartime officers who received their rank for war service and are automatically members of the Yugoslav Communist Party or of SKOJ, the youth organization. Political officers, who form fifty per cent of the total number of the permanent staff members, come directly under the Political Section of MNO.

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